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SUBJECT: ALLON AT THE EC COMMISSION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON SAW THE EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND THREE COMMISSIONERS ON NOVEMBER 14. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETINGS, ALLON REFERRED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGENDA FOR A EURO-ISRAELI DIALOGUE PARALLEL TO THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. WE ARE INFORMED BY COMMISSION SOURCES, HOWEVER, THAT ALL THAT IS INVOLVED IS NORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE EC-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGIUM, ALLON MET WITH EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND COMMISSIONERS GUNDELACH, HAVERKAMP AND CHEYSSON ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE DEVOTED LARGELY TO STRENGTHENING ISRAELI-EC TIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 17 ALLON RECALLED
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THAT GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAD CALLED FOR THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF A EURO-ISRAELI DIALOGUE TO BE CONDUCTED PARALLEL TO THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. ALLON SAID THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE EURO-ISRAELI DIALOGUE HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT TOPIC OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION OFFICIALS. COMMISSION SOURCES TELL US, HOWEVER, THAT THE PHRASE "EURO-ISRAELI DIALOGUE" IS ALLON'S AND ALL THAT IS INVOLVED IS NORMAL ONGOING CONSULTATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EC ISRAELI TRADE AGREEMENT.

4. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS, ALLON ASKED THAT A MEETING OF THE JOINT EC ISRAELI COMMISSION BE CONVENED IN MARCH OR APRIL OF NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM. THE EC AGREES TO MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION WITHIN THIS TIME FRAME --THE EC ISRAELI AGREEMENT CALLS FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. COMMISSION OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, WERE UNPREPARED TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES AT THIS TIME TO THE QUESTION OF VENUE.

5. WE ARE TOLD ALLON ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EC OFFICE IN ISRAEL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE BUT NOTED THAT THERE WAS NOT PROVISION FOR SUCH AN OFFICE IN THE 1976 BUDGET AND THEREFORE NOTHING COULD BE DONE BEFORE 1977. MORRIS

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